

SENATE BILL 1769

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-321(a), as amended by Chapter 700 of the Public Acts of 2000, is amended by deleting the language "which shall constitute expendable receipts of the department." and by substituting instead the following:

which shall constitute expendable receipts of the department. In addition, the application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable supplemental fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to be deposited in the special reserve created pursuant to § 55-50-205; provided, that the supplemental fee shall not be applied to or due from any person renewing a driver license by mail, internet or telephone.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-406, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of six dollars (\$6.00) which shall constitute expendable receipts of the department. In addition, the application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable supplemental fee of two dollar (\$2.00) to be deposited in the special reserve created pursuant to § 55-50-

205; provided, that the supplemental fee shall not be applied to or due from any person renewing a driver license by mail, internet or telephone.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-50-205.

(a)

(1) There is established within the general fund a special reserve to be known as the driver testing station reserve, hereinafter referred to in this section as the "reserve."

(2) Moneys in the reserve shall be used exclusively for the construction or operation, including, but not limited to, additional personnel, training and necessary equipment, of driver testing stations established in each grand division of the state after the effective date of this act.

(3) It is the intent of the general assembly that at least one (1) additional driver testing station be opened in each grand division of the state prior to the opening of multiple driver testing stations in any one (1) grand division.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, there shall be deposited in the reserve all supplemental fees collected pursuant to §§ 55-50-321(a) and 55-50-406(b).

(c) Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of the reserve remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried forward and maintained in the reserve until expended in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(d) Interest accruing on investments and deposits of the reserve shall be returned to the reserve and remain a part of the reserve.

(e) Moneys in the reserve shall be invested by the state treasurer for the benefit of the reserve pursuant to § 9-4-603. The reserve shall be administered by the commissioner.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-50-206.

(a) The department of safety shall prepare a written report concerning the efficiency of driver testing stations. At a minimum, such report shall include:

- (1) The number of driver testing stations in each grand division;
- (2) The number of license applications processed at each driving testing station;
- (3) The number of employees at each driver testing station; and
- (4) An assessment of the need for, and geographic location of, additional driver testing stations.

The department may include additional information in the report as deemed appropriate by the department in preparing the report.

(b) The department shall submit the completed report to the senate and house transportation committees at their first regularly scheduled meeting in February 2002.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.